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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Heinz Futscher and Gerold Neumann**
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International Application: **PCT/EP2003/012596**
For: **Process for Manufacturing Coated Expanded Metals and Use of Such
Metals as current Collectors in Electrochemical Components**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and before calculating the filing fee, please amend the claims as provided herein, beginning on the following page. These amended claims shall replace the claims contained in the English translation of the application as submitted herewith.

These changes are made in order to conform for US format, especially to remove improper multiple dependencies. No new matter is presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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